

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes

The Department of Education
The Cabinet Room

October 4, 2012
5:15 P.M.

Members Present: Joanne Christian, Samtra Devard, Stephanie DeWitt, Marilyn Dollard, Karen Gordon, Cristy Greaves, Chris Kenton, David Kohan, Wendy Murray, Mary Pinkston Kathleen Thomas, and Jacqueline Wisnauskas.

Members Absent: Michael Casson, Jill Lewandowski, and Whitney Price.

Others Present: Charlie Michels; PSB Executive Director, Paula Fontello; Deputy Attorney General, Dennis Rozumalski; Education Associate Student Services and Special Populations, Donna Mitchell; RTTT Deputy Officer TLEU Professional Development, Donna Johnson; State Board of Education Executive Director, Deb Stevens; DSEA, Kathryn Brown; Wilmington University, and Michelle Kriss; Secretary to PSB.

I. Opening

Call to Order: Ms. Thomas, Professional Standards Board Chair, called the meeting to Order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Ms. Murray and seconded by Mr. Kohan to approve the October 4, 2012 Agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of September 6, 2012: A motion was made by Ms. Christian and seconded by Ms. DeWitt to approve the PSB Minutes of September 6, 2012. With two abstentions from Ms. Gordon and Ms. Wisnauskas, the motion still carried.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Michels referred the PSB to their folders to find the 10/1/12 *PSB Quarterly Report* as required in **DE Code**, as well as other regulations that would be covered during this meeting.
- Mr. Michels said he traveled with Donna Mitchell, RTTT Deputy Officer TLEU Professional Development, on September 26–28 to Charlotte, North Carolina for CCSSO Task Force work on educator preparation program and licensure topics.

More than 20 States were represented via PSB, IHE and DOE representation, as well as State TOYs.

- Mr. Michels will be meeting with Ms. Angeline Willen, the new Director of the Teacher & Administrator Quality Development Workgroup on October 5th.
- Mr. Michels is doing considerable amounts of paperwork associated with the volume of regulations the PSB is moving forward.
- Mr. Michels informed the PSB current DOE renovations. Due to the work, the following offices have moved to a swing space, adjacent to Collette, until the renovations are complete: Finance, State Board of Education, Charter School and Delivery Unit. A 'tunnel' will be built during renovations for easy access to the Cabinet Room and the Secretary of Education's office from the second floor lobby.
- The Teacher & Administrator Quality Development Workgroup Quarterly meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 10th at Collette. Mr. Michels will share directions the Board is taking with regulations.
- Mr. Michels will be judging the top 3 State TOY candidates next week.
- The Governor's Boards and Commissions Office has been contacted for January PSB confirmations.
- Mr. Michels said ETS is having a Multi-state Standards Setting Study for Praxis I in January 2013. He needs to let ETS know if Delaware would like to be a participant. Any interested PSB member should contact Mr. Michels.
- Mr. Michels referred the PSB to the back of their folders to review the 2 certification regulations that he has been working on for the last several months. Mr. Michels hopes to bring these regulations to the Board next month for review and possible Publication in November: ***1574 Teacher of Students Who Are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and 1575 Teacher of Students With Visually Impairments.***
- The Board was informed of the Regulation timeline and that the Publication volume should ease up after January 2013.

IV. DOE Report

Ms. Thomas introduced Dr. Shelley Rouser, DDOE Special Assistant to the Secretary of Education, who gave a brief overview of both Common Core initiatives and Partnership Zone (PZ) Schools. Dr. Rouser has been working with Chantel Janiszewski, Education Associate for Charter Schools, on the 10 Delaware Partnership Zone (PZ) Schools. There were 4 schools in Round 1: Positive Outcomes Charter, Stubbs Elementary, Glasgow High, and Howard High. Round 2 schools were: Bancroft Elementary, Dover High, William C. Lewis Dual Language Elementary, Stanton Middle, Marbrook Elementary, and Laurel Middle. Dr. Rouser said that Keith Sanders was recently hired as the DDOE RTTT Chief Officer of the School Turnaround Unit and that he will be starting soon. Dr. Rouser said that about 8 months ago the Department received some critical feedback regarding the Common Core and the implementation plan. This area is another of Dr. Rouser's responsibilities. She said the Department needed to deepen their work around the transition which will take place within 2 years. The student assessment switch will be made to the Smarter Balanced Assessment and the Department needs to make Delaware fully aligned as well ensuring our students will be ready for a new way of teaching and a

new way of assessing. Dr. Rouser asked that the Board contact her with any questions. Ms. Thomas presented Dr. Rouser with the coveted engraved PSB wooden pen and pencil set for her former contributions to the PSB. The Board acknowledged her previous PSB work with a round of applause!

V. Action Items

A. 1520 Early Childhood Teacher

Mr. Michels said this regulation has limited amends; the major one deleting course or PD requirements for a second Standard Certificate, as there is now a Praxis II “applicable and available”. Mr. Michels said this was before the PSB for Publication. A motion was made by Dr. Greaves and seconded by Ms. Gordon to amend *1520 Early Childhood Teacher* as presented. The motion carried.

B. 1521 Elementary Teacher

Mr. Michels said this regulation has an amendment to clarify certifications with this age group and it was before the PSB for Publication. A motion was made by Ms. Christian and seconded by Mr. Kohan to amend *1521 Elementary Teacher* as presented. The motion carried.

C. 1522 Elementary School Counselor / 1545 Secondary School Counselor

Mr. Michels said these 2 mirrored regulations have an additional course added to the current course count: Ethical Issues in School Counseling, as requested by the solitary DE IHE providing coursework and an approved program. This addition was consented to by the DOE. This amend does not impact “Approved Programs”. Mr. Michels introduced Dennis Rozumalski, DDOE Education Associate for Student Services and Special Populations, who explained why the DDOE supports this idea and to answer any questions from the PSB. The amended regulations were before the PSB for Publication A motion was made by Ms. DeWitt and seconded by Ms. Wisnauskas to amend *1522 Elementary School Counselor / 1545 Secondary School Counselor* as presented. The motion carried.

D. 1539 Middle Level/Secondary Health Education Teacher

Mr. Michels said this regulation has limited amends; the major one deleting course or PD requirements for a second Standard Certificate, as there is now a Praxis II “applicable and available”. Mr. Michels said this was before the PSB for Publication. A motion was made by Mr. Kenton and seconded by Dr. Greaves to amend *1539 Middle Level/Secondary Health Education Teacher* as presented. The motion carried.

E. 1571 Exceptional Children Special Education Teacher

Mr. Michels said this regulation has an amendment to clarify certifications with this age group and was before the PSB for Publication. A motion was made by Dr. Greaves and seconded by Ms. Murray to amend *1571 Exceptional Children Special Education Teacher* as presented. The motion carried.

F. 1573 Teacher of Students with Autism or Severe Disabilities

Mr. Michels said this regulation has been through a very thorough and lengthy review process and was before the PSB for Publication. Mr. Michels referred the PSB to their folders to review the latest iteration of this regulation. Mr. Michels introduced Mary Ann Mieczkowski, DDOE Acting Associate Secretary for the Teaching and Learning Branch as well as the Director of the Exceptional Children Resources Workgroup. Ms. Mieczkowski who has considerable expertise in these areas provided the PSB with some additional information and as well as answered questions and spoke to concerns from the PSB. Mr. Michels noted that he and Ms. Fontello have worked with Ms. Mieczkowski and her staff on this regulation and that the DDOE supports the draft as presented. After some discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Greaves and seconded by Mr. Kohan to amend ***1573 Teacher of Students with Autism or Severe Disabilities*** as presented. The Chair, upon noting a less than unanimous verbal response, requested a roll call vote:

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| Joanne Christian | Yes |
| Samtra Devard | No |
| Stephanie DeWitt | Yes |
| Marilyn Dollard | No |
| Karen Gordon | Yes |
| Christy Greaves | Yes |
| Chris Kenton | Yes |
| David Kohan | Yes |
| Wendy Murray | Yes |
| Mary Pinkston | Yes |
| Jacqueline Wisnauskas | Yes |
| Kathleen Thomas | Yes |

The motion carried.

G. 1581 School Reading Specialist

Mr. Michels said this regulation has been reviewed by DOE and DE University Reading Specialist program experts who reached consensus in the presented draft. Considerable edits for formatting and appropriate references to ***1505 Standard Certificate*** were required. Amends in the definition and required coursework reflect current International Reading Association standards. Ms. Fontello recommended amending Section 4.1 to insure clarification in the education requirements. This regulation was before the PSB for Publication. A motion was made by Ms. DeWitt and seconded by Ms. Pinkston to amend ***1581 School Reading Specialist*** with amendments discussed. The motion carried.

H. 1592 School Leader I

Mr. Michels shared some new and current data about educational experiences of educators in these positions in Delaware and nationally. This regulation was before the PSB for publication. At the request of PSB member Ms. Lewandowski, who was absent from the PSB meeting, Mr. Michels shared her e-mail with the PSB detailing

her thoughts on this regulation's requirements. After discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Greaves and seconded by Mr. Kohan to amend **1592 Certified Central Office Personnel** as presented. The Chair, upon noting a less than unanimous verbal response, requested a roll call vote:

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| Joanne Christian | Yes |
| Samtra Devard | No |
| Stephanie DeWitt | No |
| Marilyn Dollard | No |
| Karen Gordon | Yes |
| Christy Greaves | Yes |
| Chris Kenton | Yes |
| David Kohan | Yes |
| Wendy Murray | No |
| Mary Pinkston | Yes |
| Jacqueline Wisnauskas | No |
| Kathleen Thomas | Yes |

The motion failed.

Ms. Devard made a motion to amend the experience requirement to reflect a minimum of 5 years of teaching experience. Ms. Dollard seconded the motion. The motion carried.

I. 1593 School Leader II

Mr. Michels said based on decisions following Regulation 1592, the PSB may want to consider the years of experience required for this Regulation. The PSB discussed experience requirements and the consensus appeared to be to amend the regulation to reflect 5 years of teaching experience plus 2 years of full time leadership experience for a total of 7 years of education experience. A motion was made by Ms. Dollard and seconded by Ms. Wisnauskas to amend **1593 Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent** with amendments discussed. The motion carried.

J. 1594 Special Education Director

Mr. Michels said this regulation has seen considerable review resulting in deletions necessary for formatting purposes and other amendments added for clarification. It was pointed out by Mr. Michels that there is a range of certification pathway rigor within the regulation. This regulation was before the PSB for Publication. A motion was made by Ms. Christian and seconded by Mr. Kenton to amend **1594 Special Education Director** as presented. The motion carried.

K. Annual Cluster Approval

Mr. Michels explained that clusters are approved on an annual basis and there are currently 13 clusters that are valid within their 5 year approval cycle. It is before the PSB for Approval. A motion was made by Ms. Murray and seconded by Mr. Kenton to approve the **Clusters** as presented. The motion carried.

L. Mentor and Lead Mentor Stipend

Mr. Michels said the PSB and the SBE, as required in statute, must annually approve stipends for Mentors and Lead Mentors. A discussion concerning the current stipend amount has been requested by the DOE. Mr. Michels indicated he will place this topic on an upcoming PSB Agenda for discussion. A motion was made by Ms. DeWitt and seconded by Ms. Gordon to approve the **2012-2013 Mentor and Lead Mentor Stipends** as presented. The motion carried.

M. DE TOY Honorarium

Mr. Michels said the PSB has a tradition of presenting the Delaware Teacher of the Year (TOY) with a \$250.00 honorarium. The 2013 TOY will be announced on October 23, 2012. A motion was made by Ms. Dollard and seconded by Mr. Kenton to approve the **DE TOY Honorarium** as presented. The motion carried.

N. PSB's 147th General Assembly Legislative Agenda

Mr. Michels said the PSB's 2012 Legislative Agenda terminated with HB 107 not moving to the House Floor for consideration. HB 107 was drafted to require the passing of a test of general knowledge prior to licensure for educators and for entry into the ARTC program, and to allow for certain experiences of Specialists to be used in lieu of student teaching. The Legislative Agenda was before the PSB for Board Approval for Mr. Michels, the PSB Executive Director, to continue this legislative journey with the 147th General Assembly in January 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Kenton and seconded by Ms. Wisnauskas to approve the **PSB's 147th General Assembly Legislative Agenda** as presented. The Chair, upon noting a less than unanimous verbal response, requested a roll call vote:

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| Joanne Christian | No |
| Samtra Devard | Abstain |
| Stephanie DeWitt | Yes |
| Marilyn Dollard | Yes |
| Karen Gordon | Yes |
| Christy Greaves | Yes |
| Chris Kenton | Yes |
| David Kohan | Yes |
| Wendy Murray | Yes |
| Mary Pinkston | Yes |
| Jacqueline Wisnauskas | Yes |
| Kathleen Thomas | Yes |

The motion carried.

VI. Discussion

Mr. Michels noted that the following regulations were approved by the SBE on September 20 and were subsequently be published in the DE Register of Regulations on October 1. Any written comments received prior to the 11/1/2102 PSB meeting will be shared during that meeting.

A. 1501 Knowledge, Skills, and Responsibility Based Salary Supplements for Educators

This regulation was presented to the Board for further discussion.

B. 1508 Special Institute for Teacher Licensure and Certification

This regulation was presented to the Board for further discussion.

C. 1509 Meritorious New Teacher Candidate Designation

This regulation was presented to the Board for further discussion.

D. 1543 Secondary Science Teacher

This regulation was presented to the Board for further discussion.

E. 1553 Driver Education and Traffic Safety Education Teacher

This regulation was presented to the Board for further discussion..

F. 1591 School Principal and Assistant Principal

This regulation was presented to the Board for further discussion.

G. 1595 Certification Programs for Leaders in Education

This regulation was presented to the Board for further discussion.

VII. PSB Standing Committees

A. Licensure and Certification Criteria

The Committee had not met since the last PSB meeting, but plans for a late October meeting are in the works.

B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation

The Committee had not met.

VIII. Other

None.

IX. Public Comment

None.

X. Adjournment

A motion was made by Dr. Greaves and was seconded by Ms. Devard to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.